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ANY MAN who calls himself a democrat, certainly every southern democrat, had his credulity stretched to the limit if he believed as true an article published recently, which was said to be from the pen of Grover Cleveland, and of course a posthumous contribution to the presidential contest. The article first appeared in the New York Times, and was in the opinion of good judges of Mr. Cleveland's style of expressing his thoughts, a cheap and blundering imitation. Its efforts to belittle Mr. Bryan and to exalt Judge Taft were remarkable, inasmuch as neither had been nominated when the article was supposed to have been prepared and Mr. Cleveland at that time being a very sick man. But what was most surprising was an almost sneering allusion to the southern people and leading public men. Henry Watterson in the Louisville Courier Journal at once charged that the thing was a forgery, that Mr. Cleveland could not have been such an ingrate as to so reflect upon a people so proud and sensitive as those of the south—a section that in three elections had solidly supported him. Mr. Hastings, the executor of Mr. Cleveland at the time of its publication, thought perhaps it might be Mr. Cleveland's writing but it appears he has changed his mind, for now he says to the New York Times:

Since our interview of September 22 there has come to my knowledge 'evidence' which leaves in my mind no doubt of the fact that the said article was not written or signed by Grover Cleveland, and, therefore, is, in my opinion, no longer entitled to credit as his production. Mrs. Cleveland, in my judgment, was right regarding it when she positively declared to us since its publication, 'I do not believe it is genuine.'

The Times has called upon Mr. Hastings for two 'evidences' he mentions in his letter, but will say that Mr. Hastings refused to throw further light upon the matter when seen Friday, saying:

You must see John G. Carlisle, I have promised not to say anything. Mr. Carlisle has told me to refer to him. The desperation of the republicans in this campaign is remarkable, but it is an old story, and can be repeated that a party that has stolen one presidential election and purchased two, will not hesitate to play the foul, and reach into the grave of the only democratic president since the war and attempt to make him the medium of an assault upon a party and a people from whom he received all his honors.

MR. WILLIAM J. BRYAN'S reply to President Roosevelt's charges was given out in Milwaukee on Saturday. The writer ably defends his knowledge of Governor Haskell against the charges which have been brought against him until the charges can be examined in some court where partisanship does not bias. Mr. Bryan speaks of the election of Mr. Haskell as Governor of Oklahoma and says that the constitution was adopted and that Governor Haskell was elected in spite of the efforts of Mr. Roosevelt's administration and in spite of the speeches made in Oklahoma by Mr. Taft. Mr. Bryan charges among other things that the steel trust, with Mr. Roosevelt's express consent, purchased one of its largest rivals and thus obtained control of more than 50 per cent. of the total output. Mr. Bryan asks the president if he will insist that in permitting this he showed less favor to the monopolistic corporations than in the case of the steel trust.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT had a four-column letter in the papers this morning purporting to be an answer to attacks on the administration by Mr. W. J. Bryan. The missive is as disappointing as his previous letters. Considerable space is devoted to recent half-hearted movements made against certain illegal combinations and the fines paid by the same. The president has much to say concerning Governor Haskell as well as contributions to Mr. Bryan's campaign fund in 1896. Mr. Roosevelt, as in his former letter, quotes newspaper extracts attacking Governor Haskell and Mr. Bryan, and, as might have been expected, lauds Judge Taft. Mr. Bryan will doubtless experience no difficulty in answering the president's attacks.

It is now stated that Arthur Vorys, now chief of staff on Mr. Taft's campaign, was held guilty of improper acts as a pension attorney in withholding

pension money belonging to needy claimants and was disbarred from practice. The order for Vorys' disbarment from practice before the Interior Department was issued March 7, 1882, by Colonel Dudley, then commissioner of pensions. It continued in effect until November 5, 1897. Now Vorys should be forced to go.

From Washington.

(Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.) Washington, Sept. 28.

All the members of the Interstate Commerce Commission are at present in Atlanta, Ga., where they are conducting an investigation, but subordinates of the office are much interested in briefs filed by Frank L. Neall, of Philadelphia to the effect that the sugar trust is rebating from the New York Central and other railroads. The matter is regarded by them as of considerable importance.

Accidents in the coal mines of the United States last year, resulted in death to 3,125 men, and injury to 5,316 more an increase of 1,033 in the number of deaths and 516 in the number of injuries over the record for the preceding year, according to a report issued today by the Geological Survey. The third record marks the year, in all other respects, the most prosperous, says the report, as one of the worst in the history of the country. Even the above figures, however, fail to represent the full extent of the disasters.

The first of a series of battle command target practices that have been inaugurated in the coast artillery corps has produced remarkable results at Fort Monroe, according to a report which has reached the War Department. With ten-inch guns, 7 shots out of 8 scored at a distance of 7,000 yards on a target supposed to represent the outlines of a battleship. The target was being towed at the rate of about 12 miles an hour.

Eager to supply the American navy, as well as the army with flying machines, for war purposes, Wilbur Wright has hastened to conclude the aeroplane flights he is making in Europe, with the object of winning various prizes offered, and will return directly to the United States.

The Navy Department desires to have four ships ready for its use as soon as possible, and the plans and specifications have now almost been completed by Lieutenant George O. Sweet, the naval aeronaut observer. The physician in attendance upon Orville Wright, who was injured in the fall of his machine at Fort Myer recently, having declared that he will be unable to resume his work for several months, the presence of his brother, Wilbur, is necessary, in order to enable them to compete for the big naval contract.

The president today appointed Joseph Stewart, of Missouri, to be second assistant postmaster general, in the place of James T. McHenry, resigned. Mr. Stewart is now superintendent of the division of railway adjustment.

Col. William F. Stewart, the 'American Drayton,' who has been living in enforced exile, at the ungarrisoned post of Fort G. A. R., Ariz., for the past year, because he was considered by his superiors as 'temperamentally impossible,' reported today at the War Department. He has been ordered to report to Washington for trial before a rating board, which will determine whether or not he is to remain in the active service. The board will probably meet tomorrow.

Col. Stewart has never felt better in his life than he does now. Col. Stewart was accompanied to the department by his brother, Charles Stewart, a lawyer of San Francisco. It is understood that Mr. Stewart is preparing to a strong battle in his brother's behalf, and to this end he has engaged counsel to make.

The efforts of the Washington police to keep back a crowd that assembled on Ninth street between D and E on Saturday night where a man had been run over by a street car brought on a riot which resulted in seven men being arrested.

President Roosevelt today announced that he would recommend in his forth coming message to Congress the amalgamation of the pure food, marine hospital, meat inspection and other health bureaus of the government. His idea is to give the new organization all the potency of an executive department but without representation in the Cabinet.

Representative H. L. Maynard, of Virginia, asked the president yesterday to have the battle fleet and its tour at starting place at Hampton Roads. The president expressed himself as much impressed with the idea but could give Representative Maynard no positive assurances.

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT.

President Roosevelt late last night made reply to Mr. W. J. Bryan's recent speech, in which he maintained that the democratic party and platform were not getting a 'square deal' in the campaign that the president's professions of fair treatment entitled them to. Mr. Roosevelt's reply deals particularly with Mr. Bryan's assertion that the administration has been neither sincere nor effective in the prosecution of trusts. Mr. Roosevelt denies this charge and sets forth in detail what has been done under his direction toward curbing the tendency of capital to centralize with a view to destroying competition.

Mr. Roosevelt announces that he will make no reply to Mr. Bryan's charge that he has improperly used his great office, with its prestige and influence, to force upon his party a candidate it did not want and upon the nation a president of his personal choosing. To Mr. Bryan's demand to know why the republican campaign managers will not make public before election the names of the contributors to the campaign, Mr. Roosevelt says that he emphatically approves a contrary course, and the books will remain closed until after election.

Mr. Roosevelt declares that Mr. Bryan's election will cause calamity to the nation's business and morals, and then fiercely attacks the policies advocated by Mr. Bryan 12 years ago.

A great part of the reply deals with the Foraker and Haskell matters, and it includes a defense of the administration's course in allowing the Prairie Oil Company to enter Oklahoma.

Virginia News.

The 25th annual convention of the W. C. T. U. met at Roanoke today.

Samuel Wright, of Loudoun, county, was drowned in the Potomac river, near Brunswick, Md., on Saturday.

The stores of William Willingham and R. C. Wood, of Houston, were burned Saturday night in a fire that for a while threatened the entire town.

Virginia opened her football season at Charlottesville, Saturday, by defeating William and Mary College, 11 to 0, in 30 minutes of play.

Charles H. Sharpe, superintendent of the Manchester Water Works, was on Saturday indicted on 13 counts for alleged peculations.

Col. Samuel B. Paul died on Saturday at Petersburg. He was 82 years of age and a native of Petersburg. During the war between the States he served on the staff of Gen. Beauregard.

Miss Marie Goode, daughter of High Constable B. B. Goode, of Lynchburg, died yesterday at the Lynchburg Sanatorium after an operation on Friday for appendicitis.

Thirty cars loaded with coal were wrecked at Zuni, on the Norfolk and Western Railway, fifty miles west of Norfolk yesterday afternoon. A negro trainman was killed. Traffic was blocked on the road.

Miss Margaret Alice Beavers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar L. Beavers of Philmont, Loudoun county, and Mr. Charles J. Cassell, of Wytheville, were married at the parsonage of the Southern Methodist Church, in Leesburg, Wednesday, Rev. W. D. Keene officiating.

With nearly 200 race horses and a train load of prize stock, the Lynchburg fair grounds yesterday presented an animated scene, and today all of the final arrangements for the third exhibition of the Interstate Fair Association will be completed.

Mrs. Benjamin L. Blackford, 74 years old, who was a lieutenant in charge of engineers in the Confederate army, died on Friday in Staunton. Mr. Blackford was a brother of Mr. L. M. Blackford, principal of the Episcopal High School near this city. Mr. Blackford leaves three daughters.

Representative Maynard and National Committeeman Alva H. Martin and George F. Adams left Norfolk last night for Washington, where today they will see President Roosevelt relative to an effort to induce him to have the battleship fleet come first to Hampton Roads on its return home. The president has agreed to receive them.

Dr. Carter Helm Jones, one of the most talented and best known ministers of the Southern Baptist Church, for the past year pastor of the First Church of Lynchburg has tendered his resignation, to be effective at once. He will go to the First Baptist Church at Oklahoma City, his pastorate to begin there October 1.

Fire partly destroyed the plant of the Royster Gumbo Company, at Pinner's Point yesterday. The tug Hinton went aground in trying to assist in the fire fighting. The loss is estimated at \$35,000. Thousands of tons of kankito and other materials used in the manufacturing of fertilizers, were completely destroyed by fire.

The contract for the construction of the largest coal pier in the world has been awarded by the Virginia (Richmond) Railroad to A. M. Walpole, of Richmond. It is to be erected at Sewell's Point, the deepwater terminus of the road. The work will begin in a few days. The road expects to handle more coal than all the Virginia railways combined, and the coal will be shipped from this pier.

FIND SLAIN WOMAN'S BODY.

The mutilated body of Mrs. Francis Schultz was found by the police yesterday afternoon in a room on the ground floor of a tenement house at 105 Fourth street, New York, right under the tenement occupied by Mrs. Annie Schultz, her mother-in-law.

Her throat had been cut, her eyes blackened, her nose broken and the palm of her hand slashed, where she had seized the knife which the murderer used.

In the rear away the police found bloodstained clothing which was identified by Mrs. Schultz as the property of the husband of the murdered woman.

Schultz and his wife had been separated several months, and Friday night the husband went to the home of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Siegel, he said, to effect a reconciliation. He and his wife left the house, and nothing more was seen of the woman until her body was found yesterday afternoon.

Coroner Shady said the woman had been dead twenty-four hours.

The police have sent out a general alarm for Schultz and are holding his mother as a witness.

MR. TAFT'S ANSWER.

In a brief statement at Minneapolis, Judge Taft on Saturday made answer to the criticism of himself by Senator Foraker. He had recommended Judge Doyle, a private individual, for appointment as judge, he said, because of Doyle's great professional attainments and high character. In doing so he explained to the president that Doyle had acted as attorney for the Standard Oil Company and other corporations. The president had chosen to appoint Judge Taylor instead. As to Mr. Foraker, Mr. Taft commented that he argued that this was a justification for him, while a senator of the United States, in accepting employment from the Standard Oil Company and in making what was in effect a newspaper partnership with the Standard Oil Company to control an organ of public opinion.

As to the second charge of Mr. Foraker, that Judge Taft rode to Middle Bass in the private car of Mr. Lewis, and on the yacht of Commodore Richardson, of the alleged glass trust, Mr. Taft declared that he used a private car for which he paid, and that the boat he rode on was that provided by the Middle Bass Club, whose guest he was at the time.

Make a note now to get Ely's Cream Balm if you are troubled with nasal catarrh, hay fever or cold in the head. It is purifying and soothing to the sensitive membrane that lines the air-passages. It is made to overcome the disease, not to force the patient by a short, deceptive relief. There is no cocaine nor mercury in it. Do not be talked into taking a substitute for Ely's Cream Balm. All drug stores sell it. Price 50c. Mailed by Ely Bros., 50 Warren Street, New York.

News of the Day.

Bryan and Taft exchanged courtesies, at Memphis, yesterday, but failed to meet on account of other engagements.

Fire is causing havoc in the Adirondacks, one village being already wiped out and another partly destroyed.

It is estimated that the loss caused by the forest fires throughout the country will reach \$100,000,000.

The police of Cleveland, O., are looking for Michael Horsam, who sold his wife and furniture to a boarder for \$15.

Edward Moot, of Weathersfield, Vt., on a wager, between sunrise and sunset on Saturday cut, chopped, split and piled five cords of wood.

Confederate veterans rendered military honors when the widow of the late General Braxton Bragg was buried beside her husband at Mobile on Saturday.

Dr. J. A. S. Crossland, formerly United States minister to Liberia and a negro political leader, was arrested at St. Joseph, Mo., yesterday on a charge of grand larceny.

More than two hundred and fifty thousand persons yesterday marched through the streets of London to Hyde Park, where a resolution condemning the licensing bill was adopted.

Mrs. Abbie B. Rice, of Omaha, declares that when Dr. Frederick Raskin released her from an agreement to die together he stated that he had engaged Charles E. Davis to kill him.

By reason of the protracted drought B. F. Baroes, of Morrisville, Pa., was able Saturday to accomplish the unprecedented feat of driving a horse and wagon across the Delaware river through Trenton Falls.

Miss Edith North, aged twenty-one years, died at the Western Maryland Hospital, Cumberland, yesterday morning from typhoid fever. She had been a nurse at the institution for over a year. She was a daughter of J. C. North, of Keyser.

The eleventh annual conference of the Eastern Public Education Association, comprising state and city superintendents of 40 educational bodies from Maine to Virginia, and east of Pittsburg, will convene in Washington today and be in session until October 3.

In lighting a cigarette, Howard Smith set fire to the gasoline in John T. Flood's launch, in Curtis Bay, near Baltimore, Saturday night, and in an instant the boat was ablaze. Smith leaped overboard to escape the flames and was drowned.

Mr. Charles B. Roberts, jr., who was shot on the boardwalk at Atlantic City, left his room in the hospital there for the first time Saturday. He spent the entire afternoon on the roof garden of the hospital, where he received several callers.

A tragedy occurred at Camp Jessman, Manassas, Saturday night, resulting in the death of Lieutenant Edward J. Bloom, of the Fourth Infantry, and Private Suttles, Company K, of the same regiment. Suttles, for some reason, shot Bloom and then cut his own throat. Suttles died immediately, but Bloom lingered until Sunday night.

In corroboration of the discovery that he alleged posthumous article of the late ex-President Cleveland, saying that he intended to support Taft, was a forgery, the declaration is made that Mr. Cleveland declined to appoint Judge Taft to the Supreme Court. This assertion is made in Washington by Rev. J. Milton Waldron, president of the National Negro Political League.

While engaged in preparing a blast on the new third track of the Leckwanna Railroad Company at Cross Keys, a small station near Tobyhanna, Pa., yesterday morning, a foreman and his four assistants, employed by the Hyde & McFarland Construction Company, of New York city, were killed by an explosion of twenty pounds of dynamite.

J. William Miller, dealer in vehicles and agricultural implements, with stores at Winchester, Va.; Charles Town and Martinsburg, W. Va., has made an assignment for the benefit of creditors. The liabilities are over \$43,000, \$25,000 of which is due Winchester banks which are secured.

Justice Mills at White Plains, N. Y., on Saturday, ruled that Harry K. Thaw shall have a hearing as to his sanity but not a jury trial. Mr. Jerome has dropped out of the case and Thaw's acquittal is predicted. Jerome said he did not feel justified in incurring any more expense to his office in connection with the case outside of his own courtesy.

Fred D. Yungling, a son of the late David G. Yungling, the brewer, died yesterday afternoon in the prison ward of Bellevue Hospital in New York, from acute alcoholism. He had been arrested in Yonkers Saturday night after having jumped his bond, subsequent to arraignment following the issuing of worthless checks to an amount of \$137.50.

Herman Ridder, of New York, has been appointed treasurer of the democratic national committee to succeed Gov. Haskell, of Oklahoma, whose resignation was demanded by Mr. Bryan. He says: 'I am going to do everything in my power to help the democratic party to win, because I think that it will be only by the election of the democratic ticket that the people of the country will have a chance of relief from the extortions of the trusts which are being protected by the high tariff.'

His face, hands, head and his nude body covered with lacerations and bruises, Frank Parker, aged 35 years, of 619 Orleans place, northeast Washington, said to be employed at the government printing office, was found early yesterday morning in the Baltimore and Ohio signal tower, at Second street and Ohio avenue northeast. He declared he had been waylaid by two negroes, beaten, rendered insensible, and robbed of his clothing and valuables. He is at Casualty Hospital. His condition is serious.

After a fierce encounter Saturday afternoon with two alleged green goods men in a room on Mulberry street, Baltimore, Post Office Inspector Hal E. Mosby, of Virginia, succeeded in arresting one man, who is believed to be the ringleader, and shot at the other, who made good his escape through the window. Mosby went alone to the furnished room house, where the men made their headquarters, in the guise of a prospective purchaser of \$3,000 of cleverly counterfeited money for \$1,000 of genuine money, and while pretending to be negotiating for the purchase of the bogus money, he made the arrest.

Today's Telegraphic News

Tuberculosis Congress. Washington, Sept. 28.—With representatives from thirty foreign countries, and forming the largest and most distinguished gathering of medical scientists ever held, the sixth international congress on tuberculosis opened its deliberative sessions today in the assembly hall of the new National Museum.

Acting as proxy for President Roosevelt, who is honorary president of the congress and who was unable to attend the initial session, Secretary of the Treasury Cortelyou made the welcoming address.

Commissioner Macfarland welcomed the delegates on behalf of the government of the District of Columbia, and reviewed the work being done in the nation's capital to combat the tuberculosis scourge.

Speeches responsive to the welcoming addresses were made by one delegation each from the various foreign countries represented in the congress. Prominent among these was Dr. Robert Koch, of Germany, discoverer of the bacillus of consumption.

Following the opening session this morning, the congress broke up into sections, which will meet daily during the week for the discussion of the best means of conquering the 'white plague.' The sections are seven in number.

The congress will not meet again in a body until Saturday, when it will sum up the work of the week and adjourn to meet three years hence in some other country.

The President's Attack on Bryan.

New York, Sept. 28.—Discussing President Roosevelt's epistolary attacks on Bryan at national democratic headquarters here today, Norman E. Mack, declared: 'So far as I can see, they have helped the democrats. They are all right. I shall be glad if they continue so long as I don't have to read them.' 'August Belmont called to pay his respects the other day, didn't he? Have you had any other callers well-known in the financial world?' he was asked. 'Well, Mr. Belmont called, but all he paid was respects. We have had no money from Wall street men.' Mr. Mack refused to give any reason for his unexpected return to New York today. He will go west at the end of the week with Herman Ridder, the new national democratic treasurer.

King Gives Consent.

Rome, Sept. 28.—King Victor Emanuel has not yet given his consent to the marriage of his cousin, the Duke of the Abruzzi, to Miss Katherine Elkins, but is forbidding the plan for a magnificent escort of battleships for the return trip of the duke and his bride from America where the wedding will take place. While it is not officially stated that this fleet will go to America to serve as an escort for the duke, there is absolutely no doubt that this is the intention. The king has advised that the wedding take place at the same time as the presidential election in America, in the belief that the papers will be so full of politics at this time that they will not be able to give the affair as much publicity as otherwise.

Cold Wave.

Chicago, Sept. 28.—The temperature dropped from 80 at one o'clock yesterday to 40 in this city at six o'clock this morning. Rain which ended the long drought from which Chicago has been suffering fell steadily. Throughout the west and southwest the same conditions prevailed. Missouri, for the first time in 20 years, was visited by a snow storm, and Oklahoma was swept by a biting wind that sneaked over into Kansas. In Wisconsin a heavy rain fell and has effectively checked the forest fires. The cold wave distributed itself over the northwest in the wake of the rain. The chilliness originated in Montana and the Dakotas, according to the weather man.

Marine Disaster.

New York, Sept. 28.—Another disaster at sea caused by the recent West Indian hurricane was reported here today, on the arrival of Captain Morris, of the schooner Mary B. Judge, which was abandoned. Captain Morris arrived on the steamer Carolina from San Juan. He told of the wrecking of his vessel by the hurricane, during which George McCoy, the mate, was washed overboard. Captain Morris and his men lashed themselves to the after house and after three days' suffering were rescued by the steamer Julia Luckenbach and taken to San Juan. The Mary B. Judge was built at Milton, Del., in 1834.

Automobile Plunges Into River.

Pittsburg, Mass., Sept. 28.—A big sixty horse power Limousine car of Mrs. Henry Dibble, sister of the late Marshal Field, plunged into the Housatonic river from a 25-foot embankment late last night. The chaffeur, who was taking out a party of his own friends, lies at a hospital today with probably fatal injuries. He was caught under the automobile and crushed. His companions, a young woman and a man, landed in the river unhurt.

Suspected of Wife Murder.

New York, Sept. 28.—The police are searching for Isaac Schulz, who is suspected of the murder of his wife, Fannie Schultz, daughter of one of the wealthiest householders of the Jewish colony. Mrs. Schultz, who had not been living with her husband for months, was found dead yesterday, with her throat cut and stab wounds in her heart, in a vacant room on the ground floor of the house in which live the parents of the suspected man. Schultz's mother, who discovered the body, has been arrested as a witness.

Train Robbery.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 28.—A band of thirty train robbers held up the St. Petersburg Express today near Vilne, shot down the train guard of six men, robbed the express car of between \$75,000 and \$100,000 and made their escape. The robbers captured a way station shortly before the arrival of the train and bound and gagged the attendants. They opened fire on the guards as the train pulled in and shot them down before they could seize their guns. Two of the guards were killed.

LETTER TO E. L. DAINGERFIELD.

Alexandria, Va.
Dear Sir: Two facts to remember about pain.
1st. Every job painted Devco takes less gallons than of any other paint.
2nd. The paint that takes least gallons wears longest. Always. We can't help it.
Yours truly,
F. W. DEVCO & CO.
P. S.—E. S. Leadbetter & Sons sell our paint.

MR. BRYAN'S REPLY.

With all the famed powers of his eloquence, Mr. Bryan at Milwaukee on Saturday night leveled at President Roosevelt one of the most scathing philippics that ever marked a presidential campaign.

Taking up Mr. Roosevelt's recent letter to him, Mr. Bryan met all the charges therein in their order, proved that the president had built up a structure of words without facts whereon to base it, swept aside as impertinent and ridiculous the insinuations against his own sincerity, referred the whole Haskell matter to the courts, where it can be settled without partisan bias, taunted his opponent for dodging a question about campaign contributions, and then, in two measured paragraphs, fairly scathing in their scorn and denunciation, told Mr. Roosevelt that he has violated the trust of the nation and has prostituted his great office in his own selfish and partisan desires.

Mr. Bryan speaks of the election of Mr. Haskell as governor of Oklahoma, and says that 'the constitution was adopted and Gov. Haskell was elected in spite of the efforts of your administration and in spite of the speech made in Oklahoma by Mr. Taft.'

Mr. Bryan in his condemnation of the president travels in the highest paths of eloquence and invective, bringing the chief magistrate squarely before the bar of public opinion to answer for misuse of the sacred trust and powers vested in him. Here is one of his paragraphs:

Following this, Bryan turns to ridicule and speaking of his own aspirations, says: 'I am sanguine enough to believe that if entrusted with power I would be able to make my administration so successful that the members of my party could, without interference from me, select the one most worthy to carry on the work begun by me, so successful that it would not be necessary for me to defend in bulletins or pronouncements. I think I could in this way give to the members of the opposite party as well as to members of my own party a "square deal".'

Another affair taken up in the Bryan reply to Roosevelt is the quotation made by Mr. Roosevelt from a speech by Governor Hughes, attacking the democratic plank on trusts. Mr. Bryan points out that Governor Hughes can hardly be accepted as an unbiased authority upon such a subject, since his own campaign fund included contributions as follows: From J. P. Morgan, \$20,000; J. D. Rockefeller, \$5,000; Andrew Carnegie, \$5,000; Charles M. Schwab, \$20,000; John W. Gates, \$2,000; E. W. Corey, \$2,000.

Pursuing this subject further, Mr. Bryan says that as the president quotes Gov. Hughes he takes it for granted that Judge Taft has not expressed himself satisfactorily on the trust question.

Mr. Bryan charges, among other things, that the steel trust, 'with your express consent,' purchased one of its largest rivals and thus obtained control of more than 50 per cent. of the total output. He asks the president if he will insist 'that in permitting this you showed less favor to the monopolistic corporations than I do in opposing them.'

Mr. Bryan also takes issue on the 'moral uplift' question, and assails the president for taking advantage of his official position to rush Taft's candidacy for the nomination. Among other things Mr. Bryan says:

'I might question your ability to act as an expert as to public preferences, since you now have one on your hands.'

'Are you willing to say that any public interest was served in 1904 by concealing until after election the contributions made to the republican campaign fund?'

'I dare to compare my efforts for the moral uplift of the nation with his (Taft's) efforts, my deeds with his deeds, and the policies to which I am committed, and more than that, if I may assume that he will follow in your footsteps, I dare to compare my ideal of the presidency with his. I do not regard it as proper for the president to use his prestige, his influence or his patronage to aid one member of his party as against another who aspires to office, and I regard it as a violation of the obligation that the president owes to the whole people to use an office that belongs to the whole people as a party asset for the advancement of a personal friend and a political protégé.'

'I believe I would be able to make my administration so successful that it would not be necessary for me to defend it in bulletins or pronouncements.'

Finally, he issues a challenge to the republicans to publish all their campaign contributions before election.

Mr. Bryan telegraphed the reply to President Roosevelt Saturday night, paying the charges from his own pocket.

Six Men Drowned.

Chicago, Sept. 28.—At daylight today police began searching for the bodies of six men drowned when the launch Lemon struck a pier of a bridge in the Calumet river and sank. Elmer Westergren, owner of the launch and the only man rescued, is held by the police because his explanation of the accident did not satisfy them. Westergren was rescued by the watchman at the bridge. Efforts were made to rescue the other victims but they could not be found.

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEVITIES.

A clash occurred between the liberals and conservatives at Sancti Spiritus, Cuba, yesterday, in which one man was killed and a dozen injured. The disturbance was caused by one of the conservatives who carried a Spanish flag and waved it in the faces of some of the spectators.

Bulgaria today notified Germany and Austria-Hungary that she would be unable to heed their protest against the seizure of that part of the Turkish or entral railway that is in Bulgarian territory. Germany and Austria-Hungary are both friendly to Bulgaria in her fight for independence from Turkey, but their commercial interests in the railway make the Bulgarian action of the road of doubtful expediency.

Herman Ridder, successor to Governor Haskell, as treasurer of the democratic national campaign committee, today voiced his reply to criticisms of his attitude toward labor made at yesterday's meeting of the Central Federated Union in New York. 'I have never employed any other than union labor in all my life,' is the answer Mr. Ridder will make a committee of the C. F. U. when it calls upon him today.

Confident that next summer will bring Russia such a cholera epidemic as never

has been known, revolutionary societies, according to reports received at Geneva, today, are preparing to take advantage of the attending confusion for a desperate effort to overturn the czar's government. The revolutionists say 'the bureaucracy will be mightily hampered in its defensive warfare, and between pestilence and bombs the worst is feared.'

One girl died this morning in the Medico-Child Hospital, Philadelphia, a victim of gas, and in other institutions four other young women who tried to end their sorrows as hovering between life and death.

One man was killed and more than a dozen were badly injured in a collision between two trolley cars in Brooklyn today.

New Jersey democrats assembled in state convention at Trenton today and nominated the Bryan and Kern presidential electors.

Five thousand acres in Pike county, Pa., much of which is the best game